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actions. It's interesting. The Lincoln Journal-Star today had an interesting editorial cartoon kind of thing that said, it had a guy with a T-shirt that said we had a \$200 million surplus and the only thing I not was a half cent sales tax cut. I think we can go farther. And I think that our, the citizenry of Nebraska expect more of us than simply saying, oh, in answer to property tax relief we're just going to pick up whatever the local government subdivisions do and pay for it out of income tax and Well, if we carry that to its logical conclusion, then we'll have no property taxes and everything will be paid for in income and sales and guess what? People will say, jeez, we got a problem with income and sales tax. We want income and sales tax relief. Are we going to go backwards and say, well, on the other hand, why don't we start doing a little bit on property tax to solve that income tax-sales tax problem? And we'll just keep on going back and forth to pick up these...to say that this is some sort of a tax relief measure simply because we're paying for it in different types of dollars that we're taking in different ways I don't believe is right. know, it may be accurate. There may be some theory to that, but how many of us go back to the district and say, oh, we solved that problem. We just took it out of your other pocket. I don't, I mean I don't go back to my neighborhood associations, and I go to Deer Park Neighborhood Association and talk to Rudy and Kay Novacek and say, Rudy, don't worry. We solved that problem. I'm going to give you some property tax relief, but guess what, I'm going to increase your sales or income tax relief. We're just going to shift it around. You don't think people notice that? So to call this, you know, as Senator Tyson said, every sin is forgiven by calling it property tax relief. If I was a school administrator, I'd be concerned because maybe the Legislature might one of these days say, boy, we're really going to help you and the state's going to take over all of our school administrators. To heck with unification, to heck with consolidation or efficiencies. Why don't we just take over all the administrations for all the school districts, pay for it with income and sales and call it property tax relief. That's where this logic follows. Now let's go back to the actual bill about the state taking over the cost of these. Where is this No one. coming from? Who is saying this is a great idea? Ι wonder why we had the elections in the first place. interesting in the committee amendments on one of the versions